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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

An English abstract summarizing the disclosure of the Japanese publication is submitted herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee,

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(e)

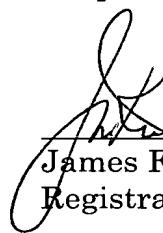
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